



City of Monroe, Washington  
Parks & Recreation Department

December 16, 2014

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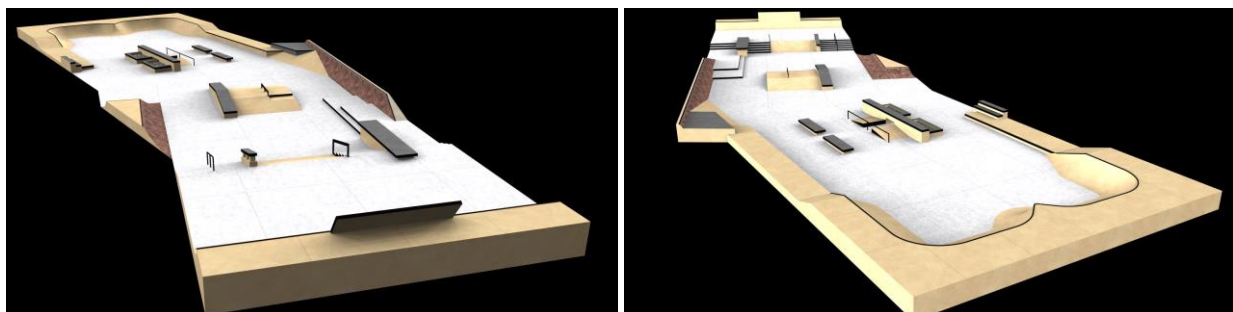
**Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space and trails. Provide citizens of all ages positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe and accessible recreation facilities. Enhance health, quality living and the natural environment for future generations.**

## Department Update

2014 was truly a year where **The Adventure Starts Here!** From showcase events such as the MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour, the Tri-Monroe and Lake Tye Triathlons, Fair Days Parade and free movies and music in the park, to park improvements including playground slide replacements, new dog agility equipment constructed by an Eagle Scout at Wiggly Field and numerous other volunteer hours spent beautifying our parks and community garden, there has been a consistent blur of activity and fun in the parks that we hope you have been able to experience and enjoy.

Parks and Recreation Department team members have been busy this past fall with daily recreation use of our parks facilities, and support of events and athletic tournaments including: Monroe Swift Watch (9/13), Dachshund Agility Trials (9/19-21), YMCA Fall Classic Run (10/25) - which was held at a new location downtown, and the Annual Light Up Monroe Tree Lighting (12/6). Visit the City website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) and [www.choosemonroe.com](http://www.choosemonroe.com) for information on upcoming programs and events such as the Inaugural Polar Plunge on January 1, 2015 at Lake Tye Park and the Annual Officer Jayme Biendl Memorial Run, which starts at Sky River Park on January 25, 2015.

The Staff of the Monroe Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank all of the organizations and individuals who have partnered with us this past year. We look forward to continue serving our community in 2015.



*Views of new skate park concept design. Construction plans are being drawn with construction to start in September 2015!*



*New slide replacement @ Lake Tye Park*



*Pruned & mulched beds @ Hillcrest Park*



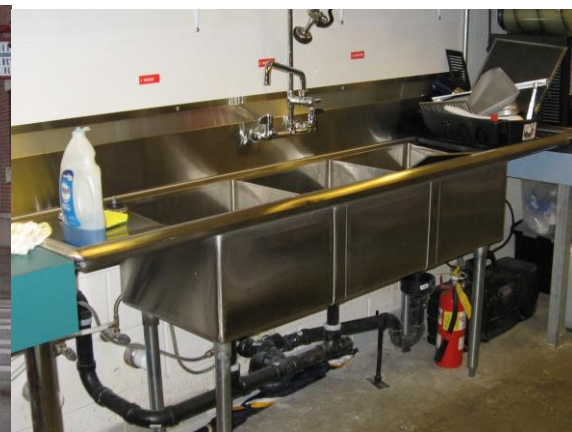
*Community fun at the Egg Hunt*



*Re-gravelling the boat launch @ Lake Tye Park*



*Colorful tulips brighten downtown- thanks to Fred Myer!*



*New concession sinks installed to meet new health code requirement*





*Dancing to the sounds of Crème Tangerine!*



*New larger movie screen- thanks to Republic Services!*



*MasterCraft Pro Tour stopped in Monroe for a 4<sup>th</sup> year*



*Lake Tye Park full of U.S. Olympic triathletes!*



*Growing vegetables for the Sky Valley Food Bank*



*Movie shoot- The Man in the High Castle @ Lewis Street Park*



*Park Board members on a park tour @ Sky River Park*



*Cleanup after November wind storm @ Lewis Street Park*



*Community Christmas Tree- thanks to Pine Creek Nursery!*



*Children enjoying the snow machine at Light Up Monroe!*

**Volunteer Opportunities** Join the City of Monroe team by volunteering your talent and time to support city programs, projects and events. Volunteering is an opportunity to learn about Monroe's diverse community, understand how local government works, and connect with other community members. The City offers on-going and one-time event volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering, or seeking additional information, please contact Denise Jacobsen at (360) 863-4559.